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SUBJECT: GODR WILL VOTE AGAINST UNGA PALESTINIAN RESOLUTION  
ON CREDENTIALS

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Classified By: Ecopol Counselor Michael Meigs, Reasons 1.4 (b and d).

¶1. (C) Ambassador Hertell spoke with GODR Foreign Minister Francisco Guerrero Prats this morning and requested the GODR to discourage the Palestinians from introducing a separate resolution in the UNGA regarding Israeli credentials. The Ambassador asked if such a resolution is introduced, for the Foreign Minister to instruct the Dominican PermRep to the UN to vote against the it. Foreign Minister Prats said he was unaware of the vote and would discuss the matter with his ambassador in charge of international organizations.

¶2. (C) Head of the International Organizations Desk at the Dominican Foreign Ministry, Ambassador Jesus Maria Hernandez, called Poloff shortly thereafter to report that he and Foreign Minister Prats had discussed the issue. The Dominican PermRep has been instructed to discourage the introduction of a Palestinian resolution on credentials, and to vote against the resolution if it is introduced in the UNGA.

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